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## ALL EYES TURN TO GENERAL AYERS

Democrats Believe He Can Redeem Ninth District.

#### **BUSINESS MATTERS** STAND IN HIS WAY

A Man of the People, His Friends Declare He Would Win, While Slemp Followers Fear His Candidacy - Other Strong Men Talked Of.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) BRISTOL, VA., August 4.-"Rufus A Ayers and Victory" will be the inscrip tion upon the banner unfurled at th

tion upon the banner unfurled at the Bristol Democratic Congressional Convention of the Ninth District on August 16th, provided, in the meanwhile, the popular former attorney-general can be prevailed upon to make the race for a seat in the national House.

I liave "looped the loop" the past week, and have talked with the best informed leaders from one end of the district to the other, and they tell me that this is the unmistaken sentiment in every section. Nor do I believe that those who desire General Ayers for their leader are "reckoning without their hosts!" when it comes to a question of popularity among omes to a question of popularity among the masses. There are many reasons atent even to a casual observer why would be a strong candidate at this

Troubled About It. Iroubled About It.

Is "loaves and fishes" proposition inderstood upon authority to be givine the lone Republican Congressman Virginia a great deal of trouble, while I do not mean to say that, in event of his nomination, General as would pay any attention to this of the case, yet it is a fact that is a large element of business men is section who are inclined to the bilcan side of things, who believe the incumbent is paying more atten-

In No Sense a Candidate. talked with General Ayers on the sub-it yesterday, and I know from his

frank statements to me, that he could illafford to enter the contest.

Indeed, I am not at all sure that his
present business relations would permit
him to accept the honor, if it shall be
tendered him, and yet I cannot escape
the belief, after having been practically
over the district and talked with its
strongest leaders, that he is the ideal
candidate, and would probably carry the

worries the active forces, is that they have no assurance that either will accept, if named by the convention.

The men referred to are General Ayers,

Corporation Commissioner Henry C. Stuart, and former Governor J. Hoge

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While individual delegates may prefer one to another among them, yet if either would give the assurance that he was willing to make the race, his would be the only name presented to the convention; for this is going to be a "harmony race," so far as the Democrats are concerned.

### Looking for Results.

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This point has been clearly brought out in several of the mass-meetings already held, to send delegates to the Bristol convention.

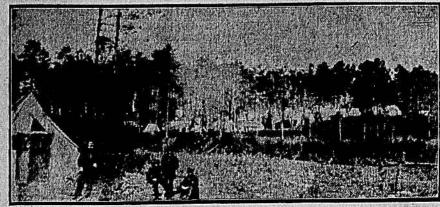
In the city of Bristol, the mass-meeting got into an "endorsing humor," and "went the limit." It declared for Bryan for President; commended the administration of Governor Swanson; praised the services of Senators Danlel and Martin, and warmly endorsed the wise and patriotic administration of former Governor'A. J. Montague, The Democrats of the Ninth District are "playing no fuvorite" this year. They believe they can win, and they sarnestly wish all their East Virginia brethren to help them.

Nearly every prominent leader in the district is mentioned as the probable nominee of the sonvention, provided this or that favorite cannot be brought into the mee. Starting down with the little rock-ribbed Democratic county of Crais, one hears the name of "Cyclone, Jim" Marshall, and the tide reaches back to far-off Lee, where Judge Duncan's friends are saying he would make a strong run.

Giles is for Tyler.

## SCENES AT BRANDY STATION. WHERE CAVALRY REUNION WILL BE HELD THURSDAY





## FOUND GAGGED AND STARVING

Man Supposed to Have Been Kidnaped Discovered in Hall.

#### WAS WITHOUT FOOD FOR EIGHTY HOURS

Dragged Into Cellar and Kept There Three Days - Detectives Made a Long

Search for the

blindfolded and with his feet and hands tied. Ho told the police that since late Tuesday night he had been a prisoner of several Italians, who had given him neither food nor water hi the eighty hours of his captivity.

Eugene Duche, a tailor, who notified the police of Greco's presence in the hallway, was arrested on suspicion of knowing something of the kidnaplus.

Attore Ricci was arrested Wednesday last, charged with accepting a bribe of \$600 to prevent the death, by Black Hand methods, of Alfonso Schettini, an Italian grocer, and his friend, Greco. Ricci then

#### CHAMBERLAIN IS CRITICALLY ILL

Health of Noted Englishman Said to Be in Very Precarious

Condition.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York World.)

LONDON, August 4.—In the parliamentary lobbies it is stated that Joseph Chamberlain's health is in a most precarlous condition. It has been openly said that, after the fatigue of the Birmingham birthday celebration he broke down, and for some days before his son Austen's marriage was very iii.

While he is ostensibly confined to his bed with an attack of gout, it is known that Mrs. Chamberlain, whose mother, Mrs. Endicott, is with her, scarcely leaves him. The hour's drive a day, which the doctor prescribes, is the sole relaxation she permits herself.

CROWDED PASSENGER

CARS IN FATAL CRASH

Electric Road-Two Killed

and Many Hurt.

# DENIES STORIES

'We Are All Working Heart and Head Together," She De-

SAYS HARRY WAS IN RIGHT

Flatly Contradicts Story That She Ever Had Disagreement With Daughter-in-Law.

ime since her return from Europe after

No Misunderstanding

between either my son and mysel. We are all on the best of terms and are working heart and head together.
"I really do not see why I should be called upon to deny all these silly, storles of disagreements. Evelyn and myself have often visited Harry together. I am isagreements. Evelyn and myself often visited Harry together. I am that neither of us has acted as it a was any ill feeling existing be-

better physical condition in his life.

#### **ROOT RODE ON PLATFORM** ON FRONT OF THE ENGINE

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, August 4.—
Secretary of State Root, on board the
United States cruiser Charleston, arrived
at Santos to-day, accompanied by Mrs.
Root and Edith and Edward Root,
and Ambassador Griscom. The Secretary rode. and Ambassador Griscom. The Sec-retary rode from Santos on a platform erected on the front of

## MUCH INTEREST IN GAS PLANT MATTER

Head-On Collision on Lake Shore Strong Sentiment Develops in Favor of Employing Humphreys & Glasgow,

They believe they can win, and they sarnostly wish all their East Virginia brettren to belp them.

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The Giles convention has endorsed devision Tyler, and Dickenson declared the sther day unalterably for former Santor Robert P. Bruce, of Wiss. Bob Bruce as a strong man, but, like General Ayers, as is a busy lawyer, and can ill afford to make the race.

Tate Irvine, one of the most affable and acopular men in the mountain section, and fine who, having been "bred in Old Kentucky" and served as a Democrat from Wiss caunty in the Virtinia Legislature, has his record well established, would make a good race against Colonel Siemp, but Mr. Irvine is wedded to his profession, and has no present political aspiration, and has no present political aspiration.

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and Many Hurt.

(By Associated Press.)

Viermillation, O. August 4.—In a head-on celliston between two passenger lates headed on the collision between two passenger lates and head-on celliston between two passenger lates and head on the flat was fatally injured, while contribute as the fat that an organized offort would be made in the Council to make the tide reaches back to fine the west-bound care. Hoth were real treated into this regular No. 13 cast-bound three miles west of here and the limited was telested into the section and head unalterably for former Santor revenings at a high rate of speed and the limited was telested by the west-bound car. Hoth went of the mest at a curve.

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BRANDY STATION AS IT APPEARED DURING THE WAR

## CREW OF STEAMER LAID LOW BY CHAGRES FEVER Senior Senator from Illinois Gets

teamer Whitehall from Colon, was to day declared a menace to the health of all ports, and orders were given by the State Board of Health to hold her indefinitely at the Mississippi River quarantine station. The Whitehali has one of the worst fever epidemics on shipboard in the records of tropical shipping, having arrived here two days ago with an outbreak of chagres fever. With the death to-day of the steamer's second officer, three of her complement of 21 men have already died and 18 others are in the hospital!

#### WESTERN GRAFTERS ARE SENT TO PRISON

N. Jones, member of the Oregon Legis-Thaddeus Stevens Potter, Portland lawyer, who was tried and co victed jointly with Jones, was sentence county jail, and to pay a fine of \$500.

#### WEALTHY PHILADELPHIAN KILLED IN RUNAWAY

(By Associated Press.) HARBOR, ME., August 4.—Ed-

### Unable to Reach Top.

(By Associated Press,)
BELLINGHAM, WASH. August 4.—
News was received to-day to the effect
that 150 Mazamas (members of a mountain climpling club of that name) have
been forced to abandon their efforts to reach the summit of Mount Baker, Pres ident Sholtz, of the club, and F. R Kizer, photographer, climbed to within 400 feet of the summit, but could go no further because of overhanging

## AIGRETTES SHOULD GO. SAYS MRS. ROOSEVELT GREAT STIR-UP IN

President and Wife Both Strongly Condemn Use of White Heron Plumes.

Heron Plumes,

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 4.—In a letter written by President Roosevelt to William Dutcher, president of the National Association Audubon Societies, made public to-day, the President, speaking for both himself and Mrs. Roosevelt, expressed hearty sympathy with the efforts the society is making to prevent the sale and use of white heron plumes, commonly known as "aigrettes." which are worn on women's hats. Mr. Dutcher, in a letter to the President, said that Queen Alexandra, of England, had recently publicly made known her disapproval of the use of the plumes, and suggested that similar expression from Mrs. Roosevelt would do more toward abolishing them as millinery ornaments than months of work by the Audubon Societies. The President's letter in reply was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Dutcher.—Permit me on behalf of both Mrs. Roosevelt and myself to say how heartily we sympathize, not only with the work of the Audubon Societies generally, but particularly in their efforts to stop the sale, and use of the so-called "aigrettes,"—the plumes of the white herons. If anything, Mrs. Roosevelt feels even more strongly than I do in the matter.

"Sincerely yours,"
THEODORES ROOSEVELT,
"Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 18."

# CULLOM RECEIVED LARGE MAJORITY

Twice As Many Votes as Former Governor.

#### PRIMARY LAW GREAT SUCCESS

Vote Large in Tempestuous Districts of Chicago-Lorimer and Lamb Win.

CHICAGO, August 4 .- For the first

contests the vote was so light that it pulled down the total for the city to about 120,000 out of a total vote regis-

Republican Congressmen in the Second and the Sixth Districts, both in Chicago

## SPLIT IN TEXAS.

Negro Question Divided Republicans—Democratic Conventions.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, August 4.—Republican conventions were held in most of the counties to-day, and because of a split in the ranks of the party in many of the counties two conventions were held, delegates being selected to

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Said to Have Precipitated

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 4.-The
dismissal of Acting Foreman W. A.

Miller, of the bindery division of the

Roosevelt's instructions, through Secre-

got results, has precipitated a big

scandal in that branch of the service.

to the President," Shanks said to-night.

"that the inspection division, the princi-

pal duties of which seem to be to spy

on the workmen and report to the public

printer, is now costing the government

that is done by this inspection division, was formerly done in a more satisfactory

per year, and the private secretary to the public printer at \$1,30 per annum."

government printing office and Milo a subject of study in a six months'

Scandal,

## BRANDY STATION VETERANS MEET

Will Gather Thursday on Historic Field of Great Battle.

#### TO HAVE SPEECHES AND STORY-TELLING

Old-Fashioned Virginia Dinner for Everybody Within Hailing Distance Will Be One of Features of Reunion.

History of Famous Fight.

By Walter Edward Harris.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 4.-The eterans of the Army of Northern Vir ginia and veterans of the Army of the Potomac, who participated in the battle of Brandy Station, on the 9th day of on the 9th of August, next Thursday, and recount for the thousandth time the events of that day, made famous in our annuls as one of the heaviest cavalry battles of the greatest of all wars. Some

Northern Virginia participated in the battie of Brandy Station, General Lee was
proparing for his Gettysburg campaign,
after having won such a spionald victory
at Fredericksburg, where the Federal
army narrowly, almost miraculously, escaped annihilation.

He had his cavairy concentrated in
advance of his army, prepared to go
ahead at the word, to feel the way for
the infantry. On the 22d of May, General Stuart had reviewed the three brigades of Hampton and Generals Fitz
and Rooney Lee on the broad fields between Brandy and Culpeper, Shortly af-(Continued on Fifth Page.)

TALK WITH MONKEYS PRINTING OFFICE Dismissal of Miller and Shands Famous Surgeon Discovers What He Declares Most Ancient

AFRICAN PYGMIES

Race on Earth. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHICAGO, ILL., August 4-A race of human beings who converse with apes and strive to learn from the Simeans was

African trip by Dr. Nicholas Senn, fa-Shanks, foreman of one of the typesetting divisions, followed by President mous the world over as a surgeon. Dr. Senn in an interview stated that those pygmies and other tribes and races tary Loeb to Public Printer Stillings to resembling the animal are absolutely free from tuberculosis and immune from

I demonstrated in a subsequent letter "Among the brick-colored pygmies, of whom I saw several at Mombassa, there were practically no other diseases suffered from or even heard of than senile complaints. The only case of cancer I heard of was in a half-caste patient. more than \$30,000 per year. The work Those pygmies who, by their language of gutterni cicks and monosyllabile sounds, can, to a certain extent, converse with the large and man-like specimens of monkeys are, in my opinion, the oldest living race of mean." manner by a foreman of printing at \$2,500

## GREAT STRUGGLE IN RUSSIA IS ON

inauguration of Strike Lacks Snap but Movement is Spreading.

### GOVERNMENT STILL HOPEFUL OF ISSUE

Members of Workmen's Council Prepared to Proclaim Themselves Provisional Government-Reports of Renewed Fighting at

Cronstadt.

eneral strike formally declared and the general strike formally declared and the ackground. If the strike inaugurated to-day gathers sufficient headway to endanger the life of the State, it has been virtually decided that Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholatevith will be named commander of all the troops in the empire "where marital law exists," which would be tantamgunt to the decreeing of a military dictatorship.

It is possible, however, that the government will not be driven to this extremity, as the showing made to-day by the St. Petersburg proletariat was not impressive.

Although nearly 70,000 workmen are reported to be out at nigitall, many of the men appear to be entering the struggle with heavy hearts. The spontaneity with which practically the entire mation arrayed litself against the old regime last fall is inciding; the endurance of the people has been sapped by the long strain; the sympathy of the more conservative Liberals has been alienated by fear of a revolution, and the lowest country apparently on the threshold of

Goremykin, Who was premier from May 2d to July 22d, has left St. Peters burg and gone abroad. Sixteen arrests have been made in connection with the manager of Terionik. Finland of the

murder at Terionik, Finland, of Ma. Herzenstein, the Constitutional Demo ersburg are being operated to-night by

Divided Against Themselves.

that the army will not fall the Emperor in a crisis and that the strike will prove a dismal fallure. Indeed, the faction now in control seems to welcome an immediate test, in the conviction that it will be able to scotch the sevolution or a long time to come. The weakest point in the revolutionary armor is believed to be lack of competent leaders. Much Excitement.

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To-night brought increased excitement throughout the industrial second of the city. Although the police are reinforced by mounted patrols in the central districts of the city, all is quiet there. In the workmen's quarters which the Associated Press representative visited, there was ferment. Dragoons and Cosneks were in evidence in the principal streets, and police pickets, armed with rifles, were at almost every corner. Nevertheless, the correspondent heard orators addressing crowded meetings at many places. The police displayed open sympathy with the men, turning their backs to avoid seeing what was going on.

on. On Basil Street, the workmen have be

On Basil Street, the workmen have begun to close the shops and have ever stopped cabs; turning the occupants of them out into the street and instructing the drivers to return home.

Searchlights from a cruiser at the Baitic works and from the root of the buildings are sweeping the Neva, and several torpedo boats built in the United States are sourrying up and down the river. No collisions of importance were reported up to midnight. Ne nawspapers will be published to-morrow, except the Novoe Vremya, whose men do not belong to the union. The cabmen have agreed to strike Monday.

All Eyes on Provinces,

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All eyes are turned on Moscow and the provinces. St. Petersburs, the government's stronghold, is expected to be the last to succumb to the state of anarchy into which the revolutionists have undertaken to plunge the country.

The battle cry of the strike, "A reconvocation of parliament for the purpose of elaborating a law for a constituent assembly," does not ring true and, is in fact, simply a peaceful slogan to be abondoned if the government totters, when the true colors will be run up.

The members of the workmen's council, in conjunction with the readical groups of the outlawed parliament, have made definite arrangements to provision themselves a provisional government if